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1. On 1 December 1952, the three infantry regiments of the KVPD Grossenhain had an actual strength of 340 to 350 VPs each. Their authorized strength was 1,000. NCOs and personnel were quartered in the installation, and the officers were billeted either in the officers' club or in the town. Commanding officer of the unit was Lieutenant Colonel Strelitz (fnu), the political officer was Major Becker (fnu). [redacted] there were arms rooms in each building and that a central arms room was in the building of the motor transport unit.¹

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2. In late November 1952, up to 50 newly recruited personnel arrived from Saxony. They were quarantined for eight days, then assigned to units and were transferred collectively. Only in individual instances were recruits detached to the cadre units of the KVPD Grossenhain.²

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1. [redacted] Comment. The information indicates that the strength of the KVPD Grossenhain increased from 500 in early September to above 1,000 men in early December. VP Kommandeur Horst Gebauer was reported as chief of the KVPD in early October. Lieutenant Colonel Strelitz (fnu), the new chief, was reported by deserters as successor to Gebauer in early November 1952. Strelitz probably attended a course in the U.S.S.R.. Major Becker (fnu) is confirmed as PK leader.

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2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] 190 VPs were sent to Berlin from Grossenhain.

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